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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives Price, Roberts, Marshall, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 08, 2016

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-65-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-65 entitled "Contractors'
2 Registration and Licensing Board" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-65-5. Registered application.** -- (a) A person who wishes to register as a contractor
4 shall submit an application, under oath, upon a form prescribed by the board. The application
5 shall include:

6 (1) Workers' compensation insurance account number, or company name if a number has
7 not yet been obtained, if applicable;

8 (2) Unemployment insurance account number if applicable;

9 (3) State withholding tax account number if applicable;

10 (4) Federal employer identification number, if applicable, or if self-employed and
11 participating in a retirement plan;

12 (5) The individual(s) name and business address and residential address of:

13 (i) Each partner or venturer, if the applicant is a partnership or joint venture;

14 (ii) The owner, if the applicant is an individual proprietorship;

15 (iii) The corporation officers and a copy of corporate papers filed with the Rhode Island
16 secretary of state's office, if the applicant is a corporation;

17 (iv) Post office boxes are not acceptable as the only address.

18 (6) A signed affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury of whether or not the applicant
19 has previously applied for registration, or is or was an officer, partner, or venturer of an applicant

1 who previously applied for registration and if so, the name of the corporation, partnership, or
2 venture.

3 (7) Valid insurance certificate for the type of work being performed.

4 (b) A person may be prohibited from registering or renewing registration as a contractor
5 under the provisions of this chapter or his or her registration may be revoked or suspended if he
6 or she has any unsatisfied or outstanding judgments from arbitration, bankruptcy, courts and/or
7 administrative agency against him or her relating to their work as a contractor, and provided,
8 further, that an affidavit subject to the penalties of perjury shall be provided to the board attesting
9 to the information herein.

10 (c) Failure to provide or falsified information on an application, or any document
11 required by this chapter is punishable by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

12 (d) Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

13 (e) Satisfactory proof shall be provided to the board evidencing the completion of five
14 (5) hours of continuing education units which will be required to be maintained by residential
15 contractors as a condition of registration as determined by the board pursuant to established
16 regulations.

17 (f) An affidavit issued by the board shall be completed upon registration or license or
18 renewal to assure contractors are aware of certain provisions of this law and shall be signed by
19 the registrant before a registration can be issued or renewed.

20 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any
21 contractor who has any combination of years of experience and years of age which, when
22 combined, equal a total of sixty (60) years, shall be exempt from the continuing education
23 requirements of subsection (e) of this section.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would exempt contractors with sixty (60) years combined age and experience
- 2 from continuing education requirements.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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